Interdisciplinary Core Courses in Women's Studies

WST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies
An introduction to Women's Studies, to its perspectives, and to its interdisciplinary nature. Using several disciplines, the class will examine women's positions in Western culture and will explore the genesis, the development, and the impact of our culture's assumptions about women's nature and women's roles. Satisfies the General Education requirements Eth., Soc. Cont. and Inst., and Cult. Div. & Intl. (001, Mazie Hough, MWF, 10:00-10:50, #2477; 002, Nancy Lewis, TuTh. 11:00-12:15, #2478; 003, Heather Lakey, MW, 3:10-4:25, #7604; 500, Rhea Côté Robbins, TuTh. 2:00-3:15, #3037; 501, Audrey Minutolo, TuTh. 3:30-4:45, #3036; 700, Tina Roberts, W, 5:00-7:30, #3038; 990, Mary Okin, Web-based, #1048). Cr. 3.

WST 103 (860) Introduction to LGBT Studies (Julie Loppacher) (Monday, 5:00-7:40, #7605)
The class will cover a wide range of topics including the 19th century roots of gay liberation, lesbian feminism, political issues from Stonewall to the present, queer theory, the social construction of homosexuality, homophobia, anti-gay harassment in schools, LGBT family issues, the biology of sexual orientation, cultural diversity and cross-cultural research, and postmodern challenges to identity politics. This class is open to anyone interested in social change and contemporary intellectual movements. No previous knowledge of LGBT issues is required, and the prerequisite of WST 101 can be waived. Gen. Ed. = Soc. Cont., Cult. Div. & Int’l. Cr. 3.

WST 230 (990) Women, Health, and the Environment (Sandra Haggard) (Web-based, #1049)
This course will examine the roles of women in shaping current practices and policies of the Western healthcare system and related environmental issues. It will draw on the work of environmentalists such as Rachel Carson and modern women healers of the body and the ecosystem. Students will be encouraged to be involved transformational work at the local, personal, or more global level. Gen. Ed. = Pop. & Envir., Eth. Cr. 3.

WST 298 Directed Study in Women's Studies (Section 001, #2485)
(Permission from the program director required. Call 581-1228 for an information sheet.)

WST 201 (990) Women in the Hispanic World (Kathleen March) (Web-based, #7607)
The course will provide an overview of women in the “Hispanic World” as well as address the complexity of the term “Hispanic”. Readings include original texts by women plus studies of women’s groups from a social class, race, and political perspective. Indigenous, African and European elements and their effects on women’s lives will be addressed through creative writing, interviews, essays, and other media. Major female figures – historical and mythical – will be included in discussions. Individual projects will encourage students to further explore and combine the diversity of cultural elements discussed in the course. Cr. 3.

WST 301 (001) Women and Religion (Nancy Lewis) (TuTh, 2:00-3:15, #7608)
This overview of women's roles in some of the major world religions will examine the influence religion has on women's lives. We will look at Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Indigenous religious traditions, Christianity, Islam, and New Age traditions. Differences in women's experience of religion based on class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation will also be noted. WST 501 (002), #7609. Cr. 3.

WST 340 (001) Women and Globalization (Mazie Hough) (MW, 3:10-4:25, #2488)
Constraints of geography on social and cultural arrangements are receding, a process with implications for the world's women. Topics investigated will include women's work in factories such as the maquiladores, immigration, domestic work, and sex tourism to name a few. Graduate students may take this class as WST 501 (001), #2498. Gen. Ed. = Cult. Div. & Int’l. Cr. 3.

WST 401 (860) Advanced Topics in Women's Studies: Women's Sexuality (Sandra Caron) (Thursday, 4:00-6:30, #2489)
This course explores the nature of women’s sexuality from a developmental perspective, with the intent of enhancing students’ understanding of how women’s sexuality is shaped, changed, and expressed throughout life. Moving beyond the traditional focus on sexual functioning, this course emphasizes the complex interaction of psychological, social, cultural, and biological influences on the creation of sexual meanings for women. Cr. 3.

**WST 401 (861) Advanced Topics in Women’s Studies: Interpersonal Violence**  
= CHF 404 (861) (Carey Nason) (Tuesday, 4:10-6:40, WST 401 #3040; CHF 404 #2048)  
This course is designed to describe interpersonal violence (specifically sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and harassment), discuss its causes, and examine various strategies to promote awareness and intervention of interpersonal violence through peer to peer education. Ultimately, this is a practice-based course that strives to give you tools to eliminate interpersonal violence in your community. The discussion situates violence within a socio-political perspective, examines psychological issues, and explores the wide range of socially institutionalized and individually perpetuated political, social, economic, and physical events and circumstances. Through the use of experiential components, this course raises students’ awareness and develops students’ skills as agents of social change. Cr. 3.

**WST 480 Senior Seminar in Women’s Studies: Women and Education** (Ann Schonberger)  
(Section 001, TuTh, 9:30-10:45, #2492; Section 002, TuTh, 11:00-12:15, #7606)  
The topic will be broadly interpreted to include the diversity of experience of women and girls as teachers and students, now and in the past. Beyond the common core of the course, specific emphasis will depend on the interests of the students. (Gen. Ed. = Soc. Cont. & Inst., Cult. Div. & Int’l., Writing Intensive, and Capstone Experience Requirements.) Prerequisite: WST 101, WST 410, and senior standing or permission. Cr. 3.

**WST 498 Directed Study in Women’s Studies (Section 001, #2494)**  
(Jr./Sr. standing and permission from the program director required. Call 581-1228 for an information sheet.) Cr. 3.

**WST 510 (001) Advanced Studies in Feminist Theory** (Elizabeth Neiman) (Monday, 3:10-5:40, #2527)  
An advanced introduction to major issues in contemporary feminist theory. The first few weeks will be an overview of major schools of feminist theory, with a particular emphasis on more recent work influenced by poststructuralist theory. After this, students will pursue their own disciplinary interests and research projects as part of an in-depth study of a common issue chosen by the class as a whole. Some readings will be common to all, some tied to each disciplinary project.

**WST 580 (001) Feminist Pedagogy and Women’s Studies Practicum** (Mazie Hough) (TBA, #2528)  
This course will provide a history of Women’s Studies as an interdisciplinary, a survey of feminist teaching strategies, and an examination of the philosophies of education on which those strategies are based. A practicum applying the course material in a WST class, in a departmental course, or possibly in a K-12 school or other workplace will be included. Permission required.

**WST 698 (001) Independent Projects in Women’s Studies** (TBA, #3571)  
Graduate standing and permission from the director required. Call 581-1228 for more info.

If you have any questions about the WST courses, check the spring schedule of classes or call 581-1228.

**Departmental Electives in Women’s Studies**
ANT 3285/HE: Rituals & Folk Traditions of Gender
Karen Miller, Thursday, 4:00-6:30, Section 860

CHF 404 Topics in Family Studies: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Gender and Violence
Renate Klein, Web-based, Section 990, #1020

CHF 451 Family Relationships
Robert Milardo, TuTh, 9:30-10:45, Section 001, #1537

CHF 452 Violence in the Family
Robert Milardo, TuTh, 11:00-12:15, Section 001, #1538

CMJ 405 Women and Communication
Kristin Langellier, TuTh, 11:00-12:15, Section 001, #3640

ENG 256 British Women's Literature
Audrey Minutolo, Web-based, Section 990, #10055

MES 301 Rachel Carson, Maine, and the Environment
Sandra Hutchison, Web-based, Section 990, #12700

SOC 329 Sociology of Gender
Amy Blackstone, Web-based, Section 990, #12622

SOC 330 Perspectives on Women
Ann Leffler, TuTh, 9:30-10:45, Section 001, #3452

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